



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0306

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

John A. GRIEGO

Application No.: 10/682,197

Filed: October 10, 2003

For: DEVICE WITH DEFLECTABLE  
DISTAL END AND RELATED  
METHODS OF USE

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Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Unknown

Confirmation No.: 1259

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

We received a Filing Receipt, mailed January 13, 2004, in the above-identified application. The Filing Receipt indicated that the "Projected Publication Date" was "To Be Determined - pending completion of Corrected Papers." Aside from a return receipt postcard indicating the application number and filing date assigned to this application and a Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, mailed May 11, 2004, Applicant's representative has not received any communication from the Patent Office concerning this case. In particular, Applicant's representative has not received any notice requesting the correction of any application papers, nor has Applicant received a Notice of Publication of Application. It does not appear that this application has published. Furthermore, the Power of Attorney for this application is Customer No. 22,852, as evidenced by the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney filed with this

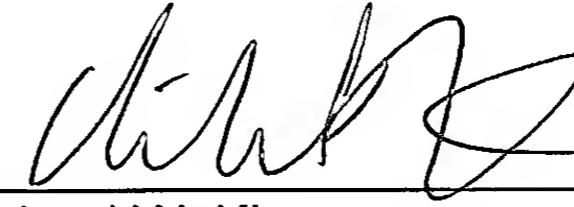
application. However, this application is not listed under Private PAIR as being associated with the Customer No. 22,852.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time. The Office is invited to call the undersigned (202-408-4449) to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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